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Statues of Abraham Lincoln

Alonzo Victor Lewis Spokane, Washington

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

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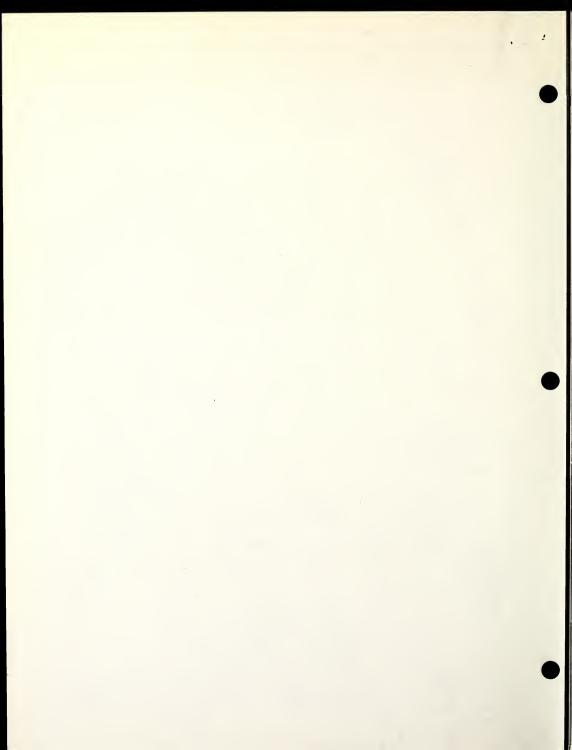
MILITARY LINCOLN - LHTIS SPORANE, TASH INGTON

A military Lincoln was created by Alonzo Victor Lewis at the direction of the Vincoln Memorial Association of Spokane, Washington, for a statue to be dedicated in that city on Armistice day, 1930.

This Lincoln statue departs from the usual, and shows the Emancipator in the dignified role of Commander-in-Chief of the Union Army. The figure is standing at attention, a military cape is flung over one shoulder, and the familiar stove pipe hat held in the right hand. The base of the monument is ten feet high, and is surmounted by the bronze figure measuring twelve feet.

Funds for the statue were contributed by citizens of Spokane and their friends. The school children gave more than six thousand dollars toward the costs of this \$25,000 work, which is located in Spokane's business district.

As early as 1812 the daughters of the G. A. R. formulated plans for a memorial and later on the G. A. R. suggested that this memorial should take the form of an heroic Lincoln statue.





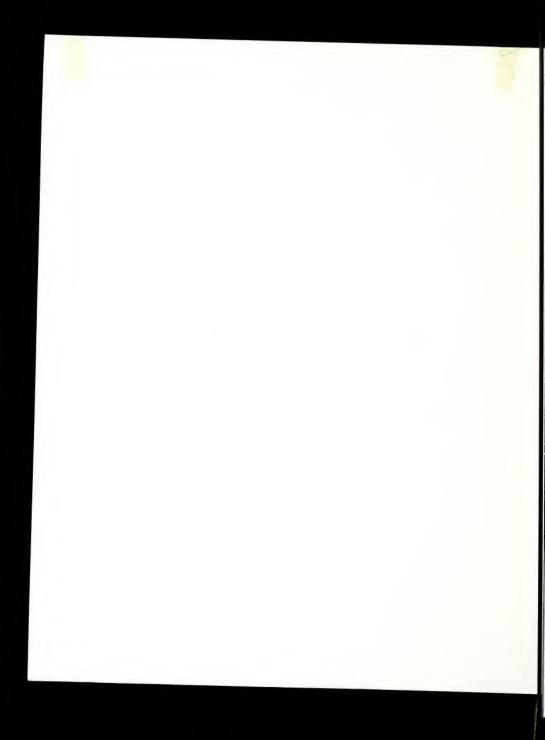
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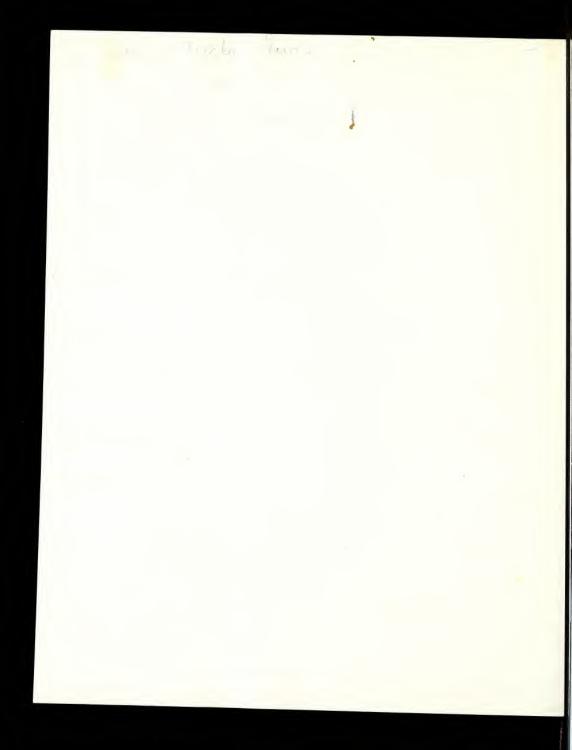
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LINCOLN STATUE **NEARLY FINISHED**

Spokane Memorial Being Made in Wax Preparatory to Bronze Cast.

'Alonzo Victor Lewis, sculptor of Spokane's statue of Abraham Lin-coln, is in New York city putting finishing touches on the wax model preparatory to its easting in bronze, George Phillips, chairman of the Lincoln Memorial committee, announced today.

The statue will be cast and ready W

for dedication July 4.
An additional \$1500 has seen sent to Mr. Lewis, bringing the total paid on the statue to \$13,000, and a second \$1500 will be collected immediately from piedges already on hand and this also will be sent to Mr. Lewis.

A final campaign to raise balance of \$10,500 yet needed to pay for the statue will be held in May, Mr. Phillips sald today.

By June First.

"This fund must be completed by lune 1," said Mr. Phillips, "and with that In mind we are planning a city-wide windup campaign in May. We plan to have one or more workers for every block in the city, and t don't doubt in the slightest our

ability to raise the money.
"We already have rai "We already have raised more than half the amount needed and I find people are anxious to get new drive started and clean up the belance. For the first time, bringing the movement to a successful culmination begins to look like a

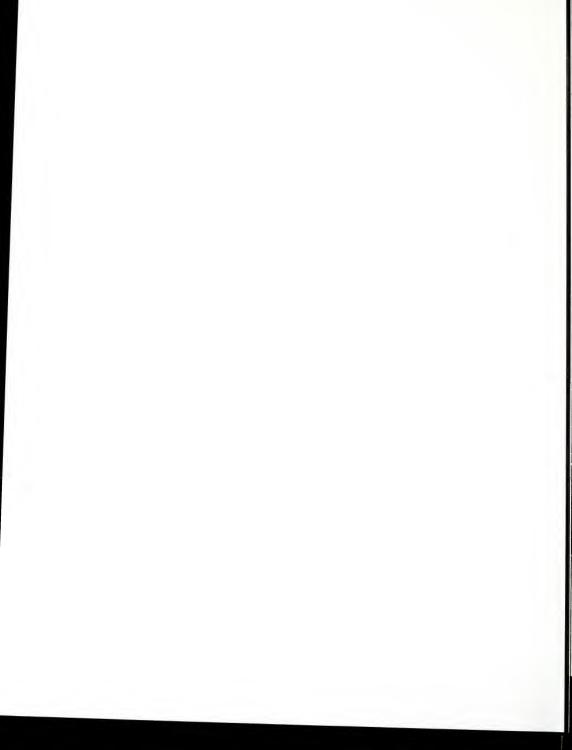
fairly easy task."

Mr. Lewis, whose reputation is national, is in New York doing some special work at the Ettl stu-

"While I am in New York I intend to touch up the model in the wax and it will assure an absolute perfect 'cast," Mr. Lewis wrote to Mr. Phillips. "I am anxious to get the work started on the casting and trust we can have the unveiling by July 4. I feel determined to finish the statue to the honor and glory of us all."

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Abraham Lincoln

1809-1865

GREAT TYPES, like valuable plants, are slow to flower and fruit. From the union of the Colonists, Puritans and Cavaliers, from the straightening of their purposes and the crossing of their blood, slow perfecting through a century, came he who stands as the first typical American, the first who comprehended within himself all the strength and gentleness, all the majesty and grace of this Republic . . Abraham Lincoln.

HENRY W. GRADY New England Society of the City of New York December 22, 1886

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Lincoln Memorial



Samuel P. Weaver

The Lincoln Memorial is the product of two forces. In 1912 the Clara Barton Fortress No. 6, Daughters of the G. A. R. formulated plans for a memorial at Main avenue and Monroe street. In 1922 Enoch Sears and Judge C. B. Dunning, of the Department of Washington and Alaska G. A. R., suggested the erection of a heroic statue of Abraham Lincoln. These forces were united under the leadership of Judge Dunning and the Lincoln Memorial Association was organized.

In 1923 the base was dedicated at the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. In the same year a commission was given to Alonzo Victor Lewis, who spent two years in the creation of the original clay model. The statue is a product of his genius. The base is ten feet high, and is surmounted by a bronze figure measuring twelve feet. It represents Abraham Lincoln as the Commander-in-Chief of the Union Army. This interpretation of Lincoln is original with Mr. Lewis, and the statue is the only one of its kind in existence.

The funds for the statue have been contributed by the patriotic citizens of Spokane and their friends. The school children gave more than six thousand dollars. Two major campaigns were conducted in 1927 and 1930, under the leadership of Samuel P. Weaver. President of the Association, and Alice C. French, his executive secretary. Many citizens have participated in these campaigns and contributors have been numbered in the thousands.

The movement has been an appeal to the patriotic sentiment of the people of Spokane, and its final success is an immortal tribute to their ideal of emotional culture.



Senator C. C. Dill

Armistice Day Events



- 10:30 A. M.—American Legion plot. Riverside Park cemetery. Dedication by Gold Star Mothers of American Legion \$7,000 War Memorial to Hero Dead.
- 11:45 A. M.—Armistice Day Parade. Participated in by veterans of all wars. Fourth Infantry Regiment. Fort George Wright: 161st National Guard Infantry, 41st Division Air Service Unit, Civic and Fraternal Guards. and patriotic organizations.
- 12:35 P. M.—Main and Monroe streets. Dedicatory ceremonies of Lincoln Memorial Statue.
 - 2:15 P. M.—Gonzaga Stadium, football game, Gonzaga University vs. Haskell Indians.
- 9:00 P. M.—American Legion Chain Dances at the Garden, Moose Temple and the Davenport Hotel.

Dedication of Lincoln Memorial





Dr. E. O. Holland

- P. M.
- 12:35 MUSIC—Lewis & Clark and North Central High School Bands.
- 12:40 REMARKS-U. S. Senator C. C. Dill, Chairman.
- 12:45 INVOCATION—Reverend William Condon, Chancellor Catholic Diocese of Spokane.
- 12:47 ADDRESS—Dr. E. O. Holland, President Washington State College.
 - 1:05 UNVEILING OF STATUE—President Hoover from the White House.
 - 1:10 Introduction—Alonzo Victor Lewis, Sculptor.
 - 1:15 PRESENTATION OF STATUE—Samuel P. Weaver, President Lincoln Memorial Association.
- 1:20 ACCEPTANCE—W. W. Work, Olympia, Commander Department Washington-Alaska G. A. R.
- 1:25 ACCEPTANCE—Mayor Leonard Funk.
- 1:30 AVIATION FORMATION—41st Division Air Service Unit, Washington National Guards.



Alonzo Victor Lewis

Alonzo Victor Lewis 1s a resident of Seattle, Washington. He has an international reputation as a sculptor. His works in the Northwest are the beloved pioneer, Ezra Meeker, at Puyallup: Abraham Lincoln at Tacoma: American Legion Memorial at Centralia: Memorial to the World's Flight Aviators at Seattle: The Doughboy at Seattle, and the official Washington State War Memorial now under construction at Olympia.

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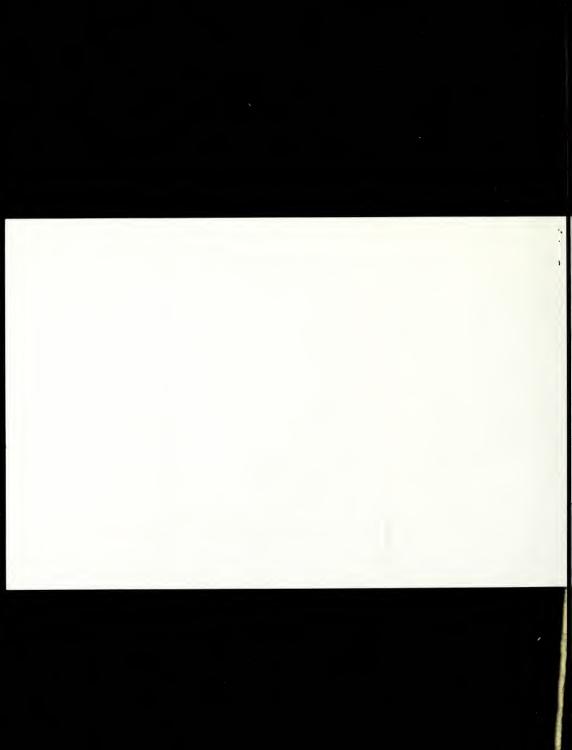
My dear Miss Henneford:

Our information concerning the Lincoln statue is not available for distribution, so we have forwarded your letter to Mr. Samuel P. Weaver, who was chairman of the Lincoln Memorial committee. He will be very glad to give you the information you desire.

We are most happy to be of this service to you, if we can be of any further help, let us know.

Yours very truly,

Cliphath Thomacre Acting reference librarian.



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SPOKANE, WAS H.

December 9, 1930

Miss Ethel Henneford, Assistant Director Lincoln Historical Research Foundation Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Madam:

The Public Library of Spokane, Washington, has asked me to reply to your inquiry of December 2.

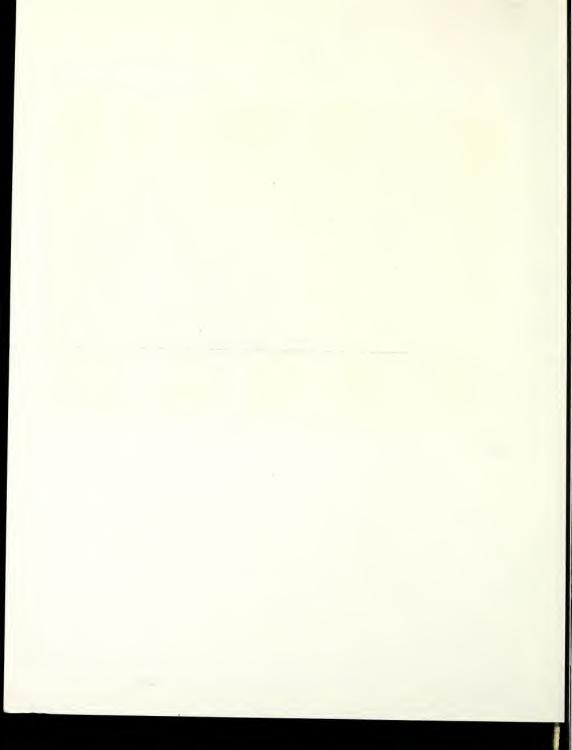
I am herewith enclosing a copy of the program of our dedication of the Lincoln statue. You will find a picture of the statue upon the cover of this program. The statue cost \$25,000. I believe that you will find the other information you desire set forth in the program.

If I can be of any further service to you, I shall be glad to have you write me.

very truly yours,

Samuel P. Weaver, Fresident Lincoln Memorial Association

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LAWYERS 1120-21 PAULSEN BUILDING SPOKANE, WASH.

December 10, 1930

Miss Ethel Henneford Lincoln Historical Research Foundation Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Miss Henneford:

Some time ago you asked me for a picture of our Lincoln Statue.

This statue has now been completed and you can obtain an unmounted picture 8x10 from

> N. B. Nelson, Photographer 824 Riverside Avenue Spokane, Washington.

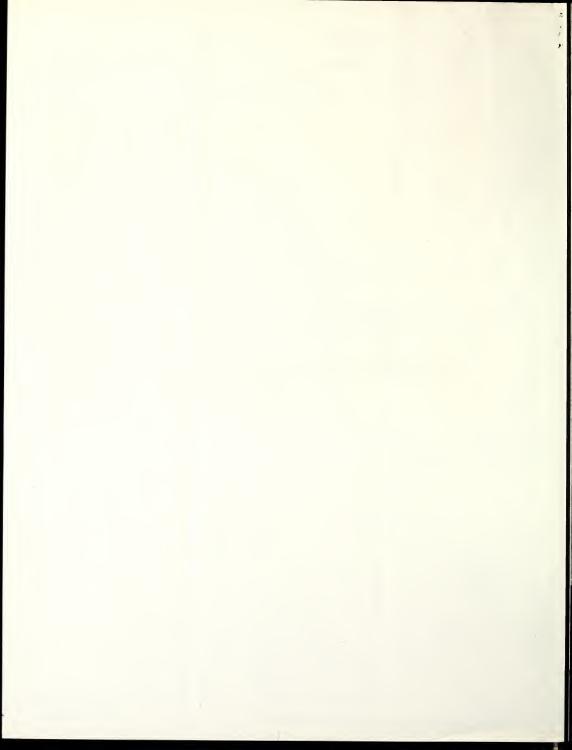
Mr. Nelson told me today that the price of these pictures will be \$1.00 each.

Very truly yours.

President Lincoln Memorial

Association.

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Miss Ethel Henneford Lincoln Historical Research Foundation Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Miss Henneford:

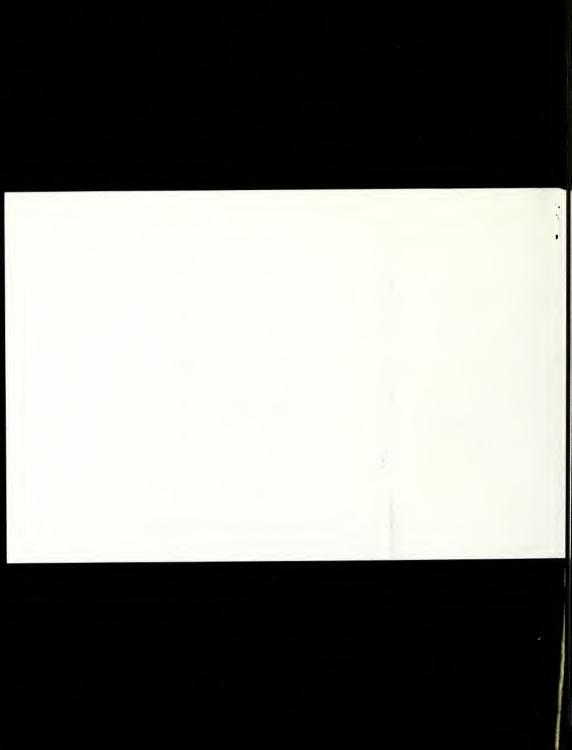
I am so ghad that the information, concerning the Spokane Lincoln statue, which Mr. Weaver mailed you, has proven of some help.

You are most kind to forward us a copy of "Lincoln Lore" and I assure you that the Spokane Public Library would greatly appreciate being included on your mailing list. The enclosure copies of the paper appeared to have very interesting and unusual material.

Thanking you for your thoughtfulness, I am

Yours very truly, Charles Law acre.

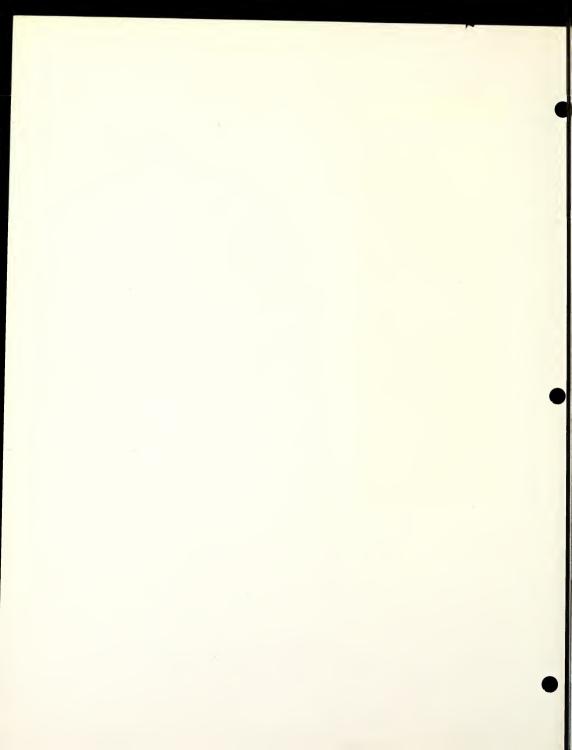
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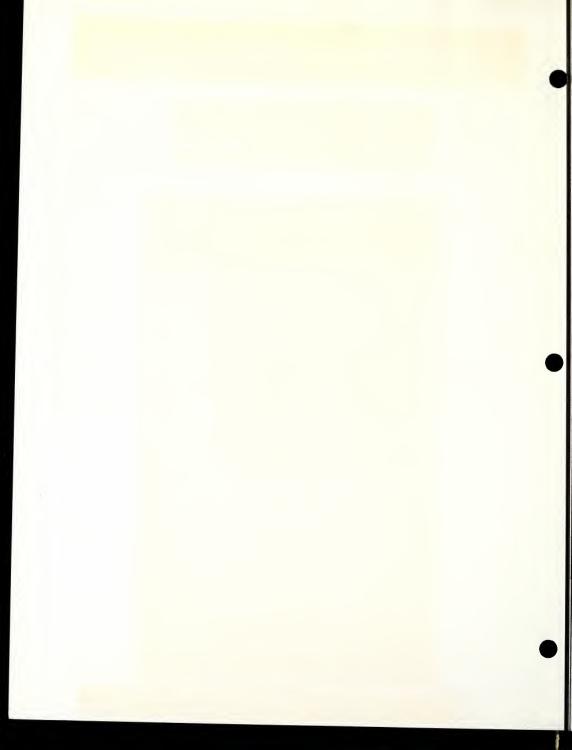


Grand Army statue of Abraham Lincoln to be unveiled Armisticy day in the Spokane, Wash, business district.





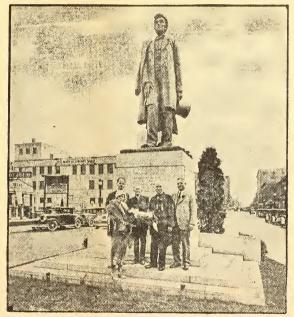
No. 24b. THE PRESIDENT BY ALONZO VICTOR LEWIS



VETERANS OF THE

CIVIL WAR

Commander Town Visits Spokane



Left to right-Mrs. W. H. Richards, Cy Hawver, R. W. Black, Commander-in-Chief Town, Samuel P. Weaver.

hospitality extended that this was Lincoln Memorial Association. where the West began," said Samuel P.

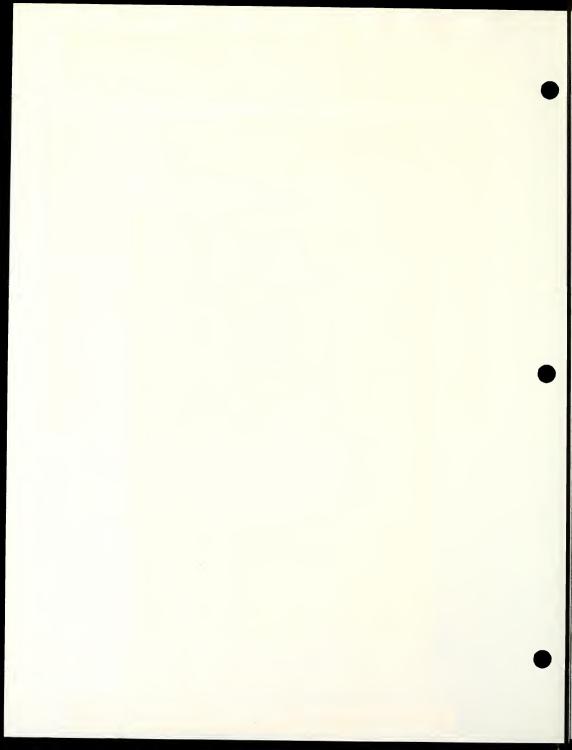
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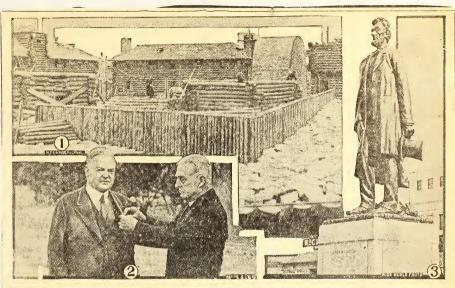
Spokane is one of the newer depart-Town in their national tour.

They were met in Spokane by R. W. of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R.; statue.

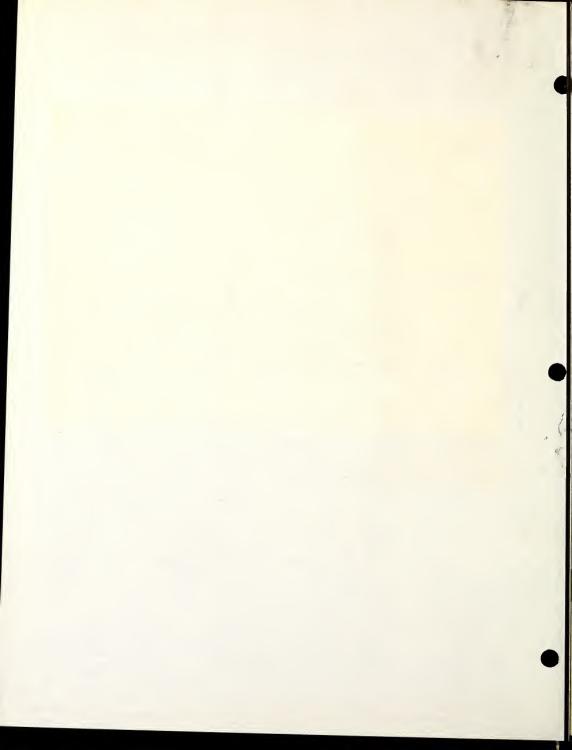
"I have heard many places claim that it was there that the West began, can Legion Post No. 9; and by Samuel but when I reached here I knew by the P. Weaver, representing the Spokane

Grand Army of the Republic, when he Republic, the recently completed statue of Abraham Lincoln, where they were met by Mrs. W. H. Richards, Poppy ments visited by Commander and Mrs. Day chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary. She presented a memorial wreath of poppies, which was placed by Black, commander of the Department Commander Town at the base of the





1—Reproduction of the famous Fort Dearborn which is being constructed as a feature of Chicago's Century of Progress exposition in 1933. 2—President Hoover being enrolled as a 1930 member of the American Red Cross by Judge John Barton Payne, president of the organization. 3—G. A. R. memorial statue of Abraham Lincoln, the work of Alonzo V. Lewis, that was dedicated on Armistice day in Spokane, Wash.



alonzo Victor Lewis .

Hon Louis A. Wavren, Yor Wayne Ind.

Dear mr. Warren; I take this opportunity of thanking you for the browne. of Lincoln Photos and dala which has just reached me. I deeple regret you were not given a beller photo of my own spokene statue, ds I do truly think it a better intrepation Than as shown in the book. However, One oftimes has tokontend with pour photographs. I believe I have more detral physical data of hincoln than any other sculptor, having almost toth jul medsurements of his bone structure even. few sculptons can give his measurements from the patella to The os calcis. And one might sy, almost That This is the foundation of a true representation of the mon. The (over)

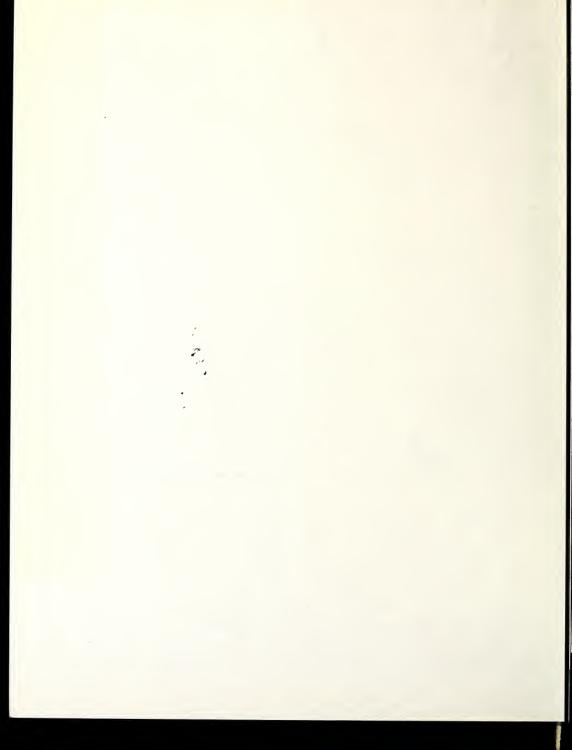
anxio large head Ism, to dispose of, but seem to be in the wrong section of the world to exploit it I used to put sit one of my small while I was trilding it which will give some idea of its size. het me thank you again Ir. Warren for the took - und I may add that no ones life can help but be made beller by Knowing more of the life of that wheat man - Auraham Lincoln. Faith ally yours Alongo Victor Lewro 2611 Eastlake ans / dxattle

Mar 24-35.

Sculptor - Painter

SEATTLE, U. S. A.

Dear Dr Warren: Somehow I cannot help but feel the great head of Abraham Lincoln has a place some where with The Lincoln Life I am about to go to Dan Truncisco to Try and get a consession and show it there at the Exposition. I've had this work a long time and something must som be done with it. Properly exhibited it would prove a great drawing card it was suggested to me that The "Lincoln hife Ins. Co would be doing a smartthing to procue this coloral pace as their exhibit at the Exposition. IThuse its worth any mes brismess to make a tryp here to see it, if interested. It would also belia grand feature set up in front of your brildings in Fort wayne hay I have the pleasure of a letter from you. It your company is not interested I may lease it to an amusement company who would peature it as a patritic exhibit. Idrudent wishers Alongo rictor Lewis 2611 Eastlake avz.





LINCOLN - COMMANDER IN CHIEF

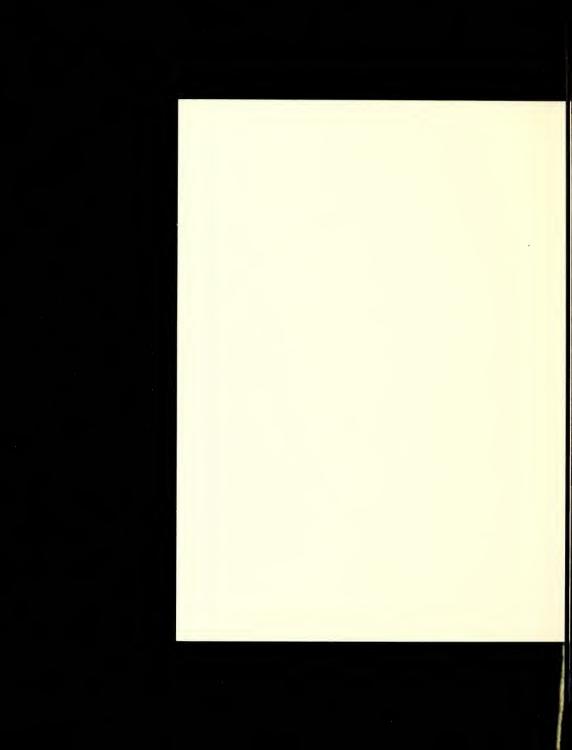
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